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Viewing cable 08BOGOTA1847, GOC PLEASED WITH INTERPOL CONFIRMATION OF

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08BOGOTA1847	2008-05-16 22:39	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Bogota

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SUBJECT: GOC PLEASED WITH INTERPOL CONFIRMATION OF
AUTHENTICITY OF FARC-REYES COMPUTERS

REF: BOGOTA 1714

Classified By: Classified by Acting Political Counselor David M. Zimov
Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

11. (U) Interpol Secretary General Ronald Kenneth Noble said at a May 15 press conference in Bogota that Colombia did not tamper in any way with files on computers seized after the March 1 raid on Raul Reyes FARC camp in Ecuador. Noble said Interpol is "absolutely certain that the computer exhibits our experts examined came from a FARC terrorist camp." Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez denounced Interpol's conclusions, and called the press conference a "clown show."

12. (U) Noble said there are over 38,000 files are on the three Toshiba laptop computers, two hard disc drives and three USB memory sticks that belonged to the FARC's former-second-in-command. Interpol said there were 37,872 written documents, 452 spreadsheets, and 210,888 images on the computers. It took Interpol two weeks running 10 computers simultaneously to break into encrypted files on the computers. Interpol said the data was the equivalent of 39.4 million pages of word documents.

13. (C) Vice Minister of Defense Sergio Jaramillo, who is managing the GOC's strategy on the use of Reyes computer information, told us the GOC is pleased with the outcome of the Interpol effort. He said the GOC's targeted leaks of information from the computers over the past month had worked well, but he thinks the best thing the GOC can do is remain quiet after the Interpol announcement and allow Chavez to talk. Jaramillo said enough incriminating evidence has been leaked; the next step is to brief additional countries on the findings and begin domestic prosecutions--likely by the end of May. Jaramillo also reiterated the GOC's request that the USG maintain a low profile, especially in regard to Latin American countries. He added that U.S. reinforcement or discussion with EU countries on the Reyes computer data would be helpful.
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